



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

January 11, 2026

The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of our Lord
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

-- Everyone is WELCOME here, for everyone is beloved by GOD --

We are now in the season called “Epiphanytide,” or, The season after the Feast of the Epiphany (which was on January 6). The church term “epiphany” means the manifestation of God in the person Jesus. Our Gospel readings this season will contain examples of how Jesus demonstrated his identity. Today, it’s his baptism by John in the Jordan River. In the Orthodox Christian tradition, this is the primary Epiphany event (rather than the visit of the magi).

We welcome the **Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz** back to the altar and pulpit today. Rev. Susan will be back next Sunday, hopefully with all her bones intact after a ski vacation with her family. Also keep our organist **Ron** in your prayers, during his absence for medical care.

New to our church? We’d love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew.

All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here, no questions asked. We will bless homemade gluten-free Bread, which you may dip into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice. Or just cross your arms over your chest to decline receiving the wine. You may also ask a blessing from the Presider.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal “Wonder, Love & Praise”

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn #135 _____ Songs of thankfulness and praise

Greeting & Collect for Purity

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: *Glory to God* _____ sung "call and response"
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory for ever. Alleluia, Amen.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray together.

All Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading Please be seated _____ *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Response Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading _____ Acts 10:34-43

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

[After baptizing them, Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household]

"I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #120, vs 1-3 _____ *The sinless one to Jordan came*

The Gospel Reading *Please remain standing, as able* _____ *Matthew 3:13-17*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon _____ *The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz*

Silent reflection follows the sermon.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows _____ *please stand as able*

Presider As we remember the event of Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan, which initiated his mission and ministries to the world, let us renew our own baptismal covenant as we follow him in faith.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new
birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,
keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Deacon We pray to you Holy God, in the confidence of our belovedness as we say,
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Embolden your church, that it may fearlessly accept its mission to bring Christ's light and love into the world without judgement.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep the needs of your people foremost in the minds and intentions of our elected leaders, that the dignity of all may be preserved and the welfare of your creation be improved. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to make better choices in our concern for those most impacted by climate change, warfare, and injustice. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shower your blessing on this congregation, that we might know and feel your presence in our lives and act in the confidence of your love, for the good of all our neighbors. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring wholeness and peace to all who suffer; free them from their afflictions and instill in them the hope of Christ. We pray especially for those on our Prayer List, and others we name...

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome into your embrace all those who have died, and so guide our lives that we may confidently look forward to our reunion with them in heaven.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Presider Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glory your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution: *the people may kneel* _____

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace *Please stand, as able*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ!

Milestones and Announcements

The Offertory, following an invitation to generosity from the Presider

If you wish to give online, point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude's online giving form!



Offertory Anthem *Down to the River to Pray*

The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people remain standing or may kneel

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to

send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts + that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified + by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Jude, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN!**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we make our prayer:

Our Father in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your Name. your King-dom come, your will be
done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us our dail-y bread. For-give us our sins as we for-
give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and save us from
e - vil. For yours is the king-dom, pow'r and the glo-ry, now and for e-ver more. A men.

The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows*

Fraction Anthem: WLP #866 _____ setting by Owen Burdick

Cantor *Choir* *Congregation & Choir*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

An Invitation to Communion is said by the clergy _____ source: Iona Community

Deacon Our feast of bread and wine is now made ready.

It is the feast of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

Presider So come and share in this banquet:

You have much faith and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often,
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed.
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Deacon These are gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

The Communion

Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to come forward, or let them know if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. All are welcome but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms across your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. Today we are blessing gluten-free bread. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice

Communion Hymn

Come to the water



1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the
 2. And let all who seek, let them come to the
 3. And let all who toil, let them come to the
 4. And let all the poor, let them come to the



wa-ter. And let all who have noth-ing, let them
 wa-ter. And let all who have noth-ing, let them
 wa-ter. And let all who are wea-ry, let them
 wa-ter. Bring the ones who are lad-en, bring them



come to the Lord: With- out mon-ey, with-out price.
 come to the Lord: With- out mon-ey, with-out strife.
 come to the Lord: All who la - bor, with-out rest.
 all to the Lord: Bring the chil-dren with-out might.



Why should you pay the price, ex- cept for the
 Why should you spend your life, ex- cept for the
 How can your soul find rest, ex- cept for the
 Eas - y the load and light: γ come to the



Lord?
 Lord?
 Lord?
 Lord.

Prayer after Communion *Please stand as able*

Presider Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing *is said by the presider***The Sending Out**

Sending Out Hymn: _____ Now let us from this table rise, sung to Tallis' canon

1. Now let us from this table rise, renewed in body, mind and soul;
With Christ we die and rise again, his selfless love has made us whole.
2. With minds alert, upheld by grace, to spread the Word in speech and deed,
We follow in the steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.
3. To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care;
The work that Christ began to do, we humbly pledge ourselves to share.
4. Then give us grace, Companion God, to choose again the pilgrim way;
And help us to accept with joy, the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Sending Out

The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Flower Memorials are a lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate a milestone (and you get to take them home after the service!) You can use one of the special envelopes in the pews, or give online - select “Flowers” from the menu.



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Serving at the Liturgy Today

Presider	The Rev. MaryJo Schuetz
Deacon	The Rev. Dcn Judy Marinco
Choir Director, Guitar	Katie Young
Eucharistic Minister	Amy Freeman
Intinction Cup	Dee Grossmann
Reader	Nancy Day
Prayers	Dolores Ruby
Ushers	Charlie J., Jessica M.
Live-streamer	Lynn Hopper
Vestry P. of the Day	Dave James
Altar Guild	Dee G., & Lisa Cronk
Coffee Hour	Dave & Deb James

Next Sunday

	The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams
	The Rev. Dcn Judy Marinco
	Katie Young
	Dee Grossmann
	Amy Freeman
	Rev. Bill McDonald
	Nancy Day
	Lisa & Kelly Cronk
	Paul Dolza
	Bill Anderson
	Terri H., Francine J.
	Mike & Judy Marinco

This Week at St. Jude's

Wednesday, 1/14	1 pm: Outreach
	6 pm: Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 1/15	6 pm: Book Club in Vandenbergh Hall

Prayer List

Pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Anne, our Assisting Bishop; for all lay and ordained leaders in the Diocese of the Great Lakes; for Susan, our Priest-in-Charge; for Judy, our Deacon; for the Vestry.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's, Corunna - Carol Amsterburg, Senior Warden; Trinity, Niles - Kathy Davies, Senior Warden.

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Emily Jane, Donald, Jill, Melissa, Tony, Marcia, Matt, Brian, Tim, Abby, Marilyn, Jeri, Pam, Jenny, Jerry, Ellen, Bobby, Ron, Ashley, Devendra, Harvey, Mary, David, Lynne, Gay, Mary Ellen, Wayne.

Join the Imperfect Club

On Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 pm, the whole congregation is invited to a no-prep-discussion as we share a soup dinner with a group from First Presbyterian Church, who will cross the street to our Vandenbergh Hall. The topic is a documentary called "Toward a New Social Awakening - The Social Creed, 1908-2008." Both our Churches, and many others at the national or international level, covenanted in 1908 to work together to help the most vulnerable people in society, especially children. How did they/we do? What might we accomplish together today? We'll be out by 8 pm. A signup will be posted.

Annual Meeting

Be sure to join us for a review of 2025 and preview of 2026, at the Annual Parish Meeting **on Sunday, January 25 at the 10:30 service**. We do a well-paced blend of Eucharistic worship and Parish meeting which is followed immediately by lunch in Vandenbergh Hall. This year, the Social Committee is putting together a Soup & Salad Supper for our celebratory event. Sign up to bring salad, bread or dessert to accompany our soups.

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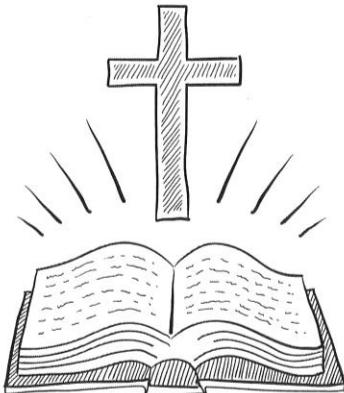
DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

Epiphany

Word Search

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BETHLEHEM
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CHRISTIAN
EPIPHANY
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MAGI	TWELFTH DAY
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